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It is with great pleasure that we submit to you the final recommendations and report of the Act 51 Transportation Funding Study Committee, pursuant to P.A. 308 of 1998, Sec. 9a(6).

We have made 20 recommendations for moving the management and funding of our transportation system — the backbone of Michigan's economy — into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The majority of our recommendations are related to one key innovation: extending the business practice of asset management to use on a statewide basis. In recommending the asset management approach, we are confident it will take into account the importance of all roads and that they will be represented in equal respect regardless of ownership, according to their relative significance in the overall transportation system.

All of the tools and processes needed to apply the asset management approach exist today and are being used by some of Michigan's transportation agencies. However, we recognize that it will take time to implement the asset management approach across every jurisdiction. Once it is adopted, this system-wide use of asset management will place Michigan at the forefront of modern transportation infrastructure management and funding. We will thus be able to provide the best transportation system to our customers, more efficiently and cost-effectively.

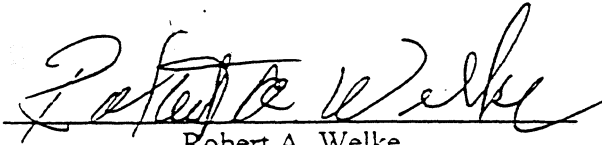
Our recommendations are the culmination of a year-long process, during which we met 22 times and heard testimony from organizations representing thousands of members. Members of the general public were free to comment at all of our meetings. In addition, our process and results were reviewed by the broad-based Citizens Advisory Panel. We discussed and sometimes debated all of the issues brought before us, and we gave careful consideration as to how best to address the charges of P.A. 308.

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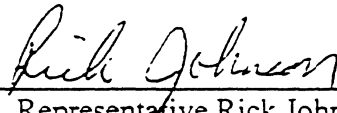
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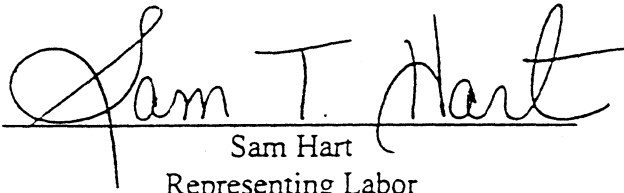
Please feel free to call upon any one of us to provide you with additional information which you may require as you consider our recommendations and report. Thank you for providing us this opportunity to serve the people of the state of Michigan.



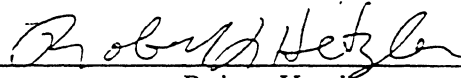
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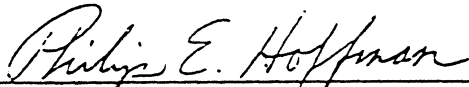
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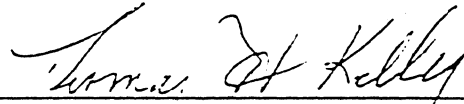
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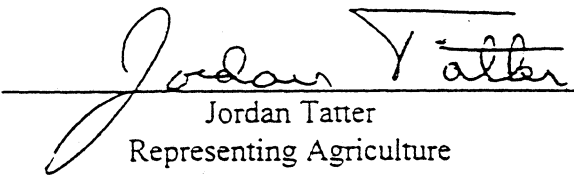
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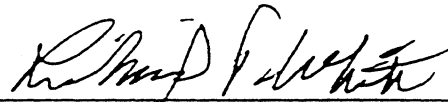
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# **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**Report of the**

**MICHIGAN  
ACT 51 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING  
STUDY COMMITTEE**

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\*A copy of the complete written testimony is available upon request. The complete written testimony, as well as meeting minutes and transcripts, are also available at the Committee web site:

<http://www.mdot.state.mi.us/act51/act51study/index.htm>

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